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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
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 SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

DAVID S. BRODER REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT FORD ESCAPED INJURY YESTERDAY IN THE SECOND APPARENT ATTEMPT ON HIS LIFE WHEN A WOMAN FIRED A .38-CALIBER REVOLVER FROM A DOWNTOWN CROWD BUT MISSED HIM. A BY-STANDER KNOCKED THE WOMAN'S ARM DOWN AND POLICE QUICKLY DISARMED HER. (A-1)

NANCY L. ROSS REPORTS THAT ROGERS C. B. MORTON REFUSED AGAIN YESTERDAY TO COMPLY WITH A CONGRESSIONAL SUBPOENA TO TURN OVER THE NAMES OF U.S. COMPANIES SUPPORTING THE ARAB BOYCOTT AGAINST ISRAEL. (A-1)

MARILYN BERGER WRITES THAT YESTERDAY YOU UNVEILED A NEW DIPLOMATIC APPROACH TO THE SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT, SUGGESTING AN "INFORMAL MULTILATERAL MEETING" OF STATES INVOLVED IN THE REGION. (A-1)

DAVID S. BRODER REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT FORD CALLED YESTERDAY FOR CREATION OF A GOVERNMENT CORPORATION TO FINANCE UP TO \$100 BILLION OF ENERGY PROJECTS IN THE NEXT DECADE. (A-1)

YOUR PICTURE IS SHOWN ON PAGE ONE.

TIMOTHY S. ROBINSON REPORTS THAT FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON HAS DENIED UNDER OATH THAT HE CAUSED AN 18-1/2-MINUTE GAP IN A WHITE HOUSE TAPE OF AN OVAL OFFICE MEETING THREE DAYS AFTER THE WATERGATE BREAK-IN, HIS ATTORNEY SAID YESTERDAY. (A-2)

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SPENDER RICH WRITES THAT DESPITE ADMINISTRATION URGENCY, THE SINAI AGREEMENT IS UNLIKELY TO WIN FINAL HOUSE AND SENATE APPROVAL THIS WEEK AND CONCEIVABLY COULD BE DELAYED EVEN LONGER BY SENATE DEMANDS FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SECRET COMMITMENTS. (A-2)

GEORGE LARDNER, JR. REPORTS SENATOR FRANK CHURCH SAID YESTERDAY THAT HIS SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE MAY HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE CALIBER OF THE FBI'S AND CIA'S INVESTIGATIONS FOR THE WARREN COMMISSION. (A-2)

AP REPORTS FURTHER U.S. GRAIN SALES TO POLAND HAVE BEEN SUS-
PENDED UNTIL A NEW LONG-TERM AGREEMENT CAN BE WORKED OUT WITH
THE SOVIET UNION, INFORMED SOURCES SAID YESTERDAY. (A-2)

TIMOTHY S. ROBINSON REPORTS THAT MORE THAN ONE-FOURTH OF THE TELEPHONE CALLS INTERCEPTED ON A SO-CALLED "NATIONAL SECURITY" WIRETAP OF A FORMER NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AIDE WERE BETWEEN THE AIDE AND HIS WIFE, ACCORDING TO DOCUMENTS FILED YESTERDAY IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT. MORTON HALPERIN SAID IN THE DOCUMENT THAT HE HAD TABULATED THE NUMBER OF DOMESTIC CALLS ON HIS TELEPHONE DURING THE 21 MONTHS THE TAP HAD BEEN ACTIVE BY ANALYZING THE SUMMARIES OF THOSE CALLS BY THE FBI. HIS WIFE WAS OVERHEARD ON A TOTAL OF 74 PERCENT OF THE CONVERSATIONS, HE ADDED. (A-3)

DUSKO DODER REPORTS THAT THE LEADERS OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT AND TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES ARE LOCKED IN A FRESH CYCLE OF RECRIMINATION AND INTRANSIGENCE THAT HAS DASHED HOPES OF A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT AND SET THE TWO SIDES DRIFTING TOWARD AN EFFECTIVE PARTITION OF THE ISLAND. (A-16)

ALAN CRANSTON WRITES THAT SINCE THE INITIATING OF THE SINAI
DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT SEPTEMBER 1, CRANSTON HAS RECEIVED
MORE THAN 1500 LETTERS FROM CALIFORNIANS -- MOST OF THEM IN
OPPOSITION TO OUR SENDING UP TO 200 CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS TO
HELP MONITOR EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS IN THE DESERT PASSES.
THEIR MAIN OBJECTION IS FEAR OF "ANOTHER VIETNAM." THE POST
BELIEVES THE U.S. MUST TURN AWAY FROM OUR VIETNAM ERA POLICY
OF MILITARY INTERVENTION ALL OVER THE WORLD. BUT AS A GREAT
WORLD POWER, WE CANNOT TURN AWAY FROM OUR WORLD RESPONSIBILI-
TIES. THOSE RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE HELPING THE CAUSE OF
WORLD PEACE AND HELPING OTHER NATIONS PEACEABLY TO IMPROVE
THEIR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS. (A-28)

ANOTHER EDITORIAL STATES THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE ITS
RIGHTIST DICTATORSHIP WAS THROWN OUT 17 MONTHS AGO, PORTUGAL
HAS A GOVERNMENT THAT REFLECTS THE STATED POLITICAL WILL OF

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ITS PEOPLE. IT MAY NOT TRULY REPRESENT THE PEOPLE BECAUSE REAL POWER CONTINUES TO BE THE MONOPOLY OF THE MILITARY MEN WHO MADE THE 1974 COUP. THE PRINCIPAL BURDEN OF THE GREAT CHANGE IN THEIR NATIONAL LIFE IS BEING CARRIED NECESSARILY BY THE PORTUGUESE. BUT THIS IS SURELY THE MOMENT WHEN FOREIGNERS SHOULD BE SEEING WHAT THEY CAN DO TO CONSOLIDATE THE ANTICOMMUNIST TIDE. NOT SO MANY MONTHS AGO A GOOD MANY PEOPLE THOUGHT THAT THE OPPORTUNITY HAD ALREADY BEEN LOST TO RECLAIM PORTUGAL FOR THE WEST, THE ANTICIPATED FALL OF THIS FIRST MEDITERRANEAN "DOMINO" WAR ALREADY BEING LAMENTED. THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE HAVE GIVEN DEMOCRACY AND A WESTERN OUTLOOK A WELCOME REPRIEVE. (A-20)

JAMES ABDOUREZK WRITES THAT NO ONE CAN SAY THAT AMERICA'S MIDDLE EAST VENTURE WILL WORK OUT IN THE SAME WAY AS THE INDOCHINA TRAGEDY, BUT THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THE SAME KIND OF STEP-BY-STEP INVOLVEMENT IN INDOCHINA CAN BE AVOIDED IN THE MIDDLE EAST. AS SEEN FROM ANY PERSPECTIVE, THE U.S. HAS HELD MOST OF THE LEVERS WHICH CAN BRING ABOUT AN OVER-ALL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. ALTHOUGH RUSSIA SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO THE EFFORT TO AVOID ALL THE PROBLEMS HER EX-CLUSTOZN COULD CAUSE, IT IS THE U.S. UPON WHICH ISRAEL RELIES FOR ARMS AND FOR MONEY. AND WE HAVE HAD, UNTIL NOW, SURPRISING CREDIBILITY WITH MOST OF THE ARAB WORLD. RATHER THAN SPENDING OUR ENTIRE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC BANKROLL IN RETURN FOR A FEW MILES OF THE SINAI DESERT, REASON WOULD DICTATE THAT WE SAVE IT FOR A SETTLEMENT WHICH INCLUDES ALL OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT. WE ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE OFFERED ANOTHER CHANCE. IN FACT, A STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH WOULD BE HIGHLY ACCEPTABLE TO NEARLY ALL THE PARTIES, BUT ONLY IF THE FINAL STEP OF AN OVERALL PEACE IS ASSURED. TRAGICALLY, THIS AGREEMENT APPEARS TO BE THE FINAL STEP, A FACT GUARANTEED BY A COMMITMENT OF ANNUAL U.S. ARMS SHIPMENTS TO ISRAEL. BY SUBMITTING THE AGREEMENTS FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL, THE CONGRESS WILL NOW BECOME PART OWNER IN THE IMPENDING BANKRUPTCY OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S MIDDLE EAST FOREIGN POLICY. (A-20)

JOSEPH KRAFT WRITES THAT WELL-ORCHESTRATED CRIES OF HALLELUJAH AND GLORY BE MUFFLED PRACTICALLY ALL CRITICISM OF YOUR EARLIERST DIPLOMATIC ACHIEVEMENTS. SO IT IS ROUGH JUSTICE THAT THE AGREEMENT YOU HAVE RECENTLY NEGOTIATED BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT BE DAMNED BEFORE SCRUTINY BY A CLOUD OF NOT IMPERSONAL PREJUDICE. AFTER ALL, THOSE WHO LIVE BY BALLYHOOD DIE BY BALLYHOOD. SO YOUR AGREEMENT IS A RARE ACHIEVEMENT. IT NEUTRALIZES A DANGEROUS SITUATION. IT OPENS NEW POSSIBILITIES FOR FURTHER PEACE TALKS. IT ISOLATES THE RUSSIANS AND THEIR TROUBLEMAKING FRIENDS. IN THE PAST KRAFT HAS NOT EXACTLY BEEN AN UNCONSTRAINED ADMIRER OF YOUR DIPLOMACY. BUT

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TO HIM AT LEAST YOUR LATEST AGREEMENT LOOKS LIKE THE BEST OF ALL YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS. (A-21)

ROSS W. MUNRO REPORTS THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST LEADER LE QUAN INDIRECTLY, BUT PUBLICLY, TOLD CHINA THAT NORTH VIETNAM IS GOING TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION DESPITE CHINESE MISGIVINGS. (A-22)

THE NEW YORK TIMES
BERNARD GWERTZMAN WRITES THAT YOU PROPOSED YESTERDAY AN IN-
FORMAL MEETING OF KEY NATIONS AS A POSSIBLE NEW APPROACH FOR
CLEARING THE WAY TO FURTHER DIPLOMATIC PROGRESS IN THE MIDDLE
EAST. THIS TENTATIVE NEW CONCEPT WAS DESCRIBED BY AMERICAN
OFFICIALS AS AN EFFORT TO SPUR PEACE MOVES EITHER THROUGH DI-
RECT ARAB-ISRAELI TALKS OR THROUGH A RECONVENED GENEVA CON-
FERENCE, NOT AS A SUBSTITUTE. (1)

ACCORDING TO JAMES M. MARKHAM, A SYRIAN MEDIATION MISSION AP-
PEARED TO BE RUNNING INTO DIFFICULTIES IN LEBANON YESTERDAY
AS A CEASE-FIRE ARRANGED ON SATURDAY NIGHT CONTINUED TO BE
VIOLATED IN SEVERAL PARTS OF BEIRUT. A RASH OF KIDNAPPINGS
AND A CLANDESTINE RADIO STATION RUN BY THE RIGHT-WING PHA-
LANGIST PARTY FURTHER ENVENOMED THE ATMOSPHERE. (3)

LESLIE M. GELB NOTES THAT TO THE EXTENT THAT THE NEW MIDDLE EASTERN AID PACKAGE GOES THROUGH CONGRESS, IT WILL INEVITABLY LEAD THE LEGISLATORS TO CUT OTHER FOREIGN AID PROGRAMS AND PERHAPS THE PENTAGON BUDGET. WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS AND DEMOCRATIC LEADERS IN CONGRESS HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO MANEUVER TO AVOID THE BLAME FOR BUDGETARY AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS.

(3)

A SPECIAL TO THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTS THAT LEONID I. BREZHNEV WELCOMED THE APOLLO AND SOYUZ ASTRONAUTS AT THE KREMLIN YESTERDAY, GREETING EACH OF THEM AS A "HERO" AND USING THE OCCASION TO TALK OF PEACE AND OF HIS HOPE FOR A TREATY TO LIMIT NUCLEAR ARMS. (5)

CHRISTOPHER S. WREN REPORTS FINLAND HAS CHOSEN A NEW PARLIAMENT IN AN ELECTION CALLED SIX MONTHS EARLY BECAUSE OF THE NATION'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, BUT THE CHANGES THAT THE BALLOTING PRODUCED WERE RELATIVELY SMALL. IT APPEARED THAT OTHER DOMESTIC CONSIDERATIONS, INCLUDING COMING NATIONAL WAGE NEGOTIATIONS AND A MAJOR LABOR UNION ELECTION, WOULD MAKE THE LEADING PARTIES RELUCTANT TO FORM A NEW COALITION UNTIL EARLY NEXT YEAR, THROWING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR UNPOPULAR SHORT-TERM DECISIONS BACK ON THE CARETAKER ADMINISTRATION OF CIVIL SERVANTS HEADED BY KEIJO LIINAMAA AS PREMIER. (7)

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A SPECIAL TO THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTS THAT THE U.S. WARNED PANAMA YESTERDAY THAT PUBLIC AIRING OF PURPORTED NEGOTIATING POSITIONS ON A NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATY COULD "HINDER THE BALANCING OF MUTUAL INTEREST THAT MAKES ANY SUCH TREATY POSSIBLE." (8)

REUTERS REPORTS SOUTH VIETNAM'S PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED THE CREATION OF A NEW CURRENCY TO REPLACE THE DEVALUED MONEY OF THE FORMER GOVERNMENT. THE ANNOUNCEMENT GAVE NO INDICATION HOW MUCH THE NEW CURRENCY WOULD BE WORTH. (9)

ALAN RIDING SAYS MEXICO'S LONG-RULING GOVERNMENT PARTY YES-TERDAY ANNOUNCED ITS CHOICE OF THE FINANCE MINISTER, JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO, TO SUCCEED PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA ALVAREZ WHEN HIS SIX-YEAR TERM EXPIRES IN DECEMBER OF 1976. (10)

A PICTURE OF YOU AND YOUR MOTHER GREETING JAVIER PEREZ OF PERU ACCOMPANIES EXCERPTS OF YOUR UN SPEECH ON PAGE 16.

IN AN EDITORIAL, THE TIMES ARGUES YOUR TOUR OF THE DIPLOMATIC HORIZON AT THE UNGA YESTERDAY SUGGESTED USEFUL INITIATIVES ON THREE MAJOR WORLD PROBLEMS: THE MIDDLE EAST, KOREA, AND THE CONTROL OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL USES. AFTER THE UNANIMOUS FINAL AGREEMENT LAST WEEK AT THE SPECIAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH INCORPORATED MANY OF YOUR PROPOSALS ON AND TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, YOU MAY HAVE DELIBERATELY STRUCK A LOWER KEY IN ADDRESSING THE REGULAR ASSEMBLY SESSION. BUT YOUR PROPOSALS FIT THE CONTEXT OF A MORE POSITIVE U.S. APPROACH TO THE UN, A WORTHWHILE -- AND OVERDUE -- DEVELOPMENT IN ITS OWN RIGHT. (36)

IN A SHARPLY CRITICAL COLUMN, TOM WICKER WRITES IT WILL BE WEEKS BEFORE THE MORELAND ACT COMMISSION INVESTIGATING NEW YORK'S NURSING HOME SCANDALS MAKES ITS FORMAL REPORT, BUT A DRAFT MEMORANDUM TO BE CIRCULATED AMONG THE MEMBERS TAKES A HARSH VIEW OF FORMER GOVERNOR NELSON ROCKEFELLER. IN THE ULTIMATE COMMISSION REPORT ECHOES THE MEMORANDUM, MR. ROCKEFELLER'S CAMPAIGN FOR RENOMINATION TO THE VICE-PRESIDENCY COULD BE SERIOUSLY DAMAGED. (37)

ROBERT KLEIMAN SURVEYS THE POLITICAL STRUGGLES IN PORTUGAL OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS AND CONCLUDES THAT THE COMMUNISTS ARE THE CHIEF LOSERS. THE CHIEF VICTOR CLEARLY IS THE DEMOCRATIC IDEA. (37)

THE BALTIMORE SUN
HENRY L. TREWHITT DETAILS YOUR PLAN TO ADJUST TO THE PASSAGE OF TIME IN KOREA WHICH WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR ADDRESS TO

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THE UNGA, (A-1)

MATTHEW J. SEIDEN REPORTS THAT EMPEROR HIROHITO HAS DENIED THAT HE PLANNED JAPAN'S ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR AND DECLINED TO SAY ANYTHING "THAT MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS CRITICIZING THE JAPANESE MILITARY AUTHORITIES OF THE TIME." (A-1)

YOU ARE PICTURED ON PAGE 2 WITH ANDREI GROMYKO AND ANATOLY DOBRYNIN.

MICHAEL PARKS DESCRIBES THE PARALYSIS GRIPPING BEIRUT AS THE FRAGILE CEASE-FIRE AND UNCERTAIN EFFORTS AT A POLITICAL DIALOGUE BETWEEN WARRING LEBANESE CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS CONTINUE. (A-2)

ACCORDING TO CHARLES W. CORDRY THE SOVIET UNION HAS REMOVED FROM EGYPT A SMALL COMPLEMENT OF MIG-25 SUPERSONIC RECONNAISSANCE PLANES, STATIONED AT THE CAIRO WEST AIRFIELD SINCE THE 1973 MIDEAST WAR, IN A MOVE TAKEN AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THE STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. (A-2)

GILBERT A. LEHTWATTE WRITES THAT THE FIRST REAL CHINK HAS APPEARED IN THE FRENCH LEFT-WING ALLIANCE WITH ONE OF ITS JUNIOR MEMBERS TAKING THE INITIATIVE OF SEEKING AN INVITATION TO TALKS AT THE PRESIDENT'S ELYSEE PALACE. ALTHOUGH HIS VISIT DOES NOT REPRESENT A BREAK FROM THE LEFT-WING ALLIANCE, ITS PURPOSE IS TO SEE WHETHER A DIALOGUE WITH THE GOVERNMENT MAJORITY IS POSSIBLE. (A-4)

THE SUN POINTS OUT THAT ALTHOUGH THE U.S. IS MAKING A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARD PEACE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND HER ARAB NEIGHBORS, ITS AGGRESSIVE ARMS SALES ARE MAKING A COMPARABLE CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE RENEWAL OF WAR. THE SOLUTION TO THIS ARMS RACE CAN BE REACHED BY BRINGING THESE TWO BELLIGERENTS INTO AN ARMS LIMITATION DIALOGUE. THIS IS NOT FARFETCHED. IT FITS YOUR CALL AT THE UN FOR MORE INITIATIVES. (A-14)

CHARLES W. YOST, CALLING THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE "SENSELESS" WRITES THAT IT IS IN THE VITAL INTEREST OF ALL GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES, MOST OF ALL THE SUPERPOWERS, TO REINFORCE THE POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL "FIREBREAK" AGAINST ANY USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, TO MAKE THEIR USE SEEM TO ALL MEN ATROCIOUS AND UNTHINKABLE, TO EMPHASIZE WITHOUT EQUIVOCATION THAT THE SOLE PURPOSE OF THESE WEAPONS IS DETERRENCE. THREATS OF "LIMITED" USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS HERE AND THERE ACROSS THE MAP WEAKEN THE FIREBREAK, SEEM TO LEGITIMIZE SUCH USE BY US, AND HENCE BY ANYONE ELSE, AND THUS JEOPARDIZE THE SECURITY AND LIVES OF EVERYONE. (A-15)

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